Export of consumer goods to East European countries

1899. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a declile in the export of consumer goods to East European countries ; if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(b) what are the items which are being exported to the East European countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A wide range of consumer items including medicines, consmetic goods, detergents, household chemicals, tooth paste, vacuum flasks, various textile items i including clothes, hosiery and knitwear and ready-made garments, leather items in-cluding shoes, engineering goods in-cluling consumer electronics, passenger cars, mopeds/scooters, etc. are being exported to Wast European countries.

Closed textile mills in the country

1900. DR, ABRAR AHMAD KHAN :

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV :

Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of closed textile mills in the country at pres nt and the number of such mill in Rajasthan and the reasons for their closure ;

(b) what efforts are being made by Government to re-open those closed mills ;

(c) what is the number of workers rendered unempkyed due to the el 'Sure and also their number in Rajasthan ;

(d) what is the impact of the Budget on the textile ind- stry on the prices of raw materials and on the texti es prices and whether mills have as inreused the prices of textiles produced ; if so, what is the perce tage of such increase in prices ; and

(e) what is the annual production of textile in Rajasthan and the value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) 119 cotLon/man-made fibre textile mills in the country, including 4 cotton/man-made fibre textile mills in Rajasthan, were lying closed as on 31-5-1990 due to varkus reasons including financial difficulties, labour unrest, etc.

(b) Government have-set up a Nodal Agency to evolve and implement packages for the rehabilitation of sick/ch sed textile mills that have beenf und to be viable. Government have also set up a Board for Industrial and Financial. Reconstr ction to determine and enforce preventive, remedial and ameliorative measures in respect of sick industrial companies.

(c) 1,60,595 workers, including 4034 wcrkers in Rajasthan,' have been rendered unemployed due to closure of cotton/man-made fibre textile mills.

(d) Prices of Man-made fibre yarn, except Viscose Staple .Fibre, have come down since March, 1990. While price of raw cottom ' has increased since March, 1990, prices